TEAM KIRTLAND December reenlistments

377th Logistics Readiness Squadron Senior Airman Jon D. Hoffman, Dec. 9

377th Medical Group Senior Airman Joshua A. Leist, Dec. 17 Senior Airman Carl L. Moore Jr., Dec. 27

377th Mission Support Squadron Tech. Sgt. David J. Miller, Dec.6

377th Security Forces Squadron Tech. Sgt. Rodrick L. Jones, Dec. 12 Senior Airman Christopher M. Price, **Dec. 13**

418th Field Training Squadron Tech. Sgt. David J. Flores Jr., Dec. 30

512th Rescue Squadron Staff Sgt. Keith L. Johnson Jr., Dec. 11 Master Sgt. Jon W. Madzelan Jr., Dec. 13 58th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Senior Airman Khafiz B. Gondry, Dec. 13 Staff Sgt. Matthew A. Hayes, Dec. 30 Senior Airman Aaron R. Robinson, Dec. 19

Tech. Sgt. Joseph A. Stanfield, Dec. 12 Tech. Sgt. Mark J. Thomas, Dec. 19

58th Maintenance Squadron Tech. Sgt. Allan M. Brandt, Dec. 16 Senior Airman Ian D. Catterall, Dec. 27 Senior Airman Brian D. Rutherford, **Dec. 13**

Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center Tech. Sgt. Andrew K. Herring, Dec. 11 Master Sgt. Randal L. Totten, Dec. 13

Air Force Research Laboratory Tech. Sgt. Kurt E. Stoltenberg, Dec. 10

Emergency Data Cards move to Web

The Virtual Record of Emergency Data, or vRED, provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an Airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies.

The vRED replaces DD Form 93, "Record of Emergency Data," and must be kept updated. The only place to update emergency data is at the Virtual Military Personnel Flight online.

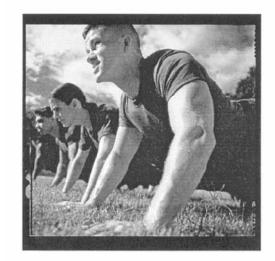
Airmen will be notified telling them when to sign on and establish their initial electronic form.

Accurate, current family contact information can prevent delays of medical, casualty and death benefits. It also avoids hours or days of uncertainty when casualty teams are left to track down next of kin.

Personnel officials encourage all active-duty, Guard and Reserve members to update their information every six months, prior to deployments, and after permanent changes of station.

At www.afpc.randolph.af.mil, select the "vMPF" logo at the top of the page. New users must establish an account.

For more information about the vMPF, call the Air Force Contact Center at 866-229-7074 or Military Personnel Flight customer service, 853-5459.



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GARRETT A. MORGAN

African-American inventor



The son of former slaves, Garrett A. Morgan was born in Paris, Ky., March 4, 1877.

In 1907, Morgan started the first of several businesses he would establish, a sewing equipment and repair shop. In 1909, he expanded the enterprise to include a tailoring shop that employed 32 employees.

Morgan moved into the newspaper business when he established the Cleveland Call in 1920. On July 25, 1916, Morgan made national news for using a gas mask he had invented to rescue several men trapped during an explosion in an underground tunnel beneath Lake Erie. The Morgan gas mask was later refined for use by the U.S.

Army during World War I.

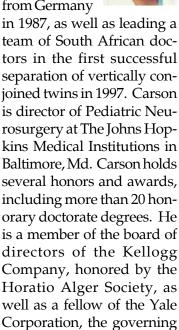
In 1923, a refined model of his earlier gas mask won a gold medal at the International Exposition of Sanitation and Safety, and another gold medal from the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Another great invention by Morgan, developed after he witnessed a collision between an automobile and a horsedrawn carriage, was the traffic signal. The patent was granted on Nov. 20, 1923.

> SOURCE: education.dot.gov/ aboutmorgan.html

DR. BENJAMIN CARSON

Director, Pediatric Neurosurgery, Johns Hopkins

Detroit, Michigan native Dr. Benjamin Carson has dedicated his life to inspiring others to excel by using their God-given talents. He is w o r l d - r e nowned for leading a medical team that separated conjoined twins from Germany



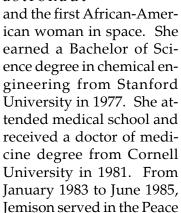
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First African-American woman astronaut First African-American woman in space

Alabama native, Dr. Mae C. Jemison is both the first African-American woman a stronaut



Corps, stationed in Sierra Leone and Liberia as the area Peace Corps medical officer where she supervised the pharmacy, laboratory and medical staff. In 1985, she applied to NASA for admission to the astronaut program. She successfully completed her astronaut training program in August 1988 and became the fifth African-American astronaut and the first African-American woman astronaut in NASA history. In August 1992, SPACELAB J was a successful joint U.S. and Japanese science mission, making Mae Jemison the first black woman in space.

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